

## Editor's Notebook

The theme for this issue of *CHIPS* has more to do with people than technology — a huge shift in focus for the Navy's information technology magazine. Recently, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen said that technology should be incidental to the mission — that Sailors should be at the center of the naval enterprise. He said that technology is the catalyst, but the power comes from people and how they team together to make things happen. "We have the best Navy in the world not because of the stuff we have — but because of the people we have," Adm. Mullen said.

This was ably demonstrated by the Navy and her sister services in the rescue and recovery operations in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast — and the continuing assistance to Pakistan through the Combined Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) Pakistan (PAK). DAC-PAK, led by U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Michael LeFever, is comprised of a force of more than 800 U.S. military personnel assisting the government of Pakistan in providing medical care, airlift capabilities and construction support to the victims of the devastating Oct. 8 earthquake that killed an estimated 75,000 people in the mountainous region of Kashmir.

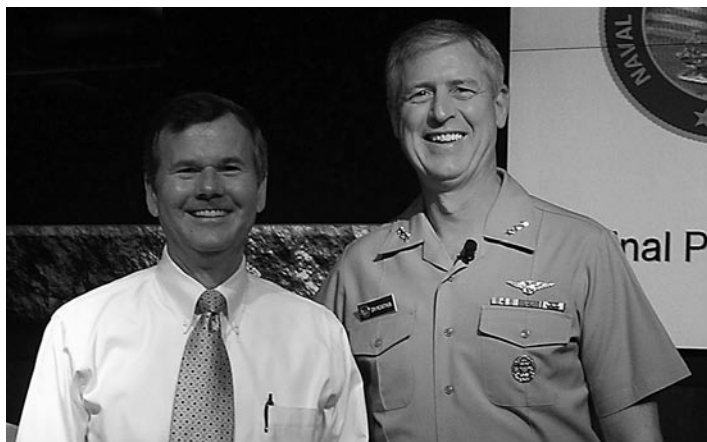
On the home front, I talked with Capt. Richard Callas, commanding officer of USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), about how the ship's crew generously assisted in humanitarian relief efforts in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Another highlight was talking with Capt. Fred Mingo, commanding officer of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center New Orleans, about how he and his employees valiantly continued operations in the face of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. You will find their fascinating stories in this issue.

In December, the *CHIPS* staff were keen observers of the exciting Trident Warrior 2005 experiment and met with many members of the AUSCANNZUKUS (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States) alliance.

It's a privilege to meet so many good people committed to the mission and values of the U.S. Navy.

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Sharon Anderson



*Royal New Zealand Navy Commodore Pat Williams, New Zealand Defense and Naval Attache to the United States, and U.S. Navy Rear Adm. William Rodriguez, Acting Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), at the execution meeting for Trident Warrior 2005 (TW05), Dec. 1 in Norfolk, Va.*



*In the operations center onboard USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) during TW05, 2nd Fleet's Cmdr. John Gray (left) and Cmdr. Rex Rolls explained 2nd Fleet's distributed staff concept with reach-back elements for optimizing situational awareness.*

*Right: Watchstander, OCS (SW) Douglas Moody onboard USS Iwo Jima during TW05. At left: SPAWAR Systems Center Charleston Executive Director James Ward and Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command Vice Adm. James McArthur at the TW05 Working Group session in the Tidewater Node of the FORCENet Composeable Environment (FnCE) October 2005. The FnCE is a network of SPAWAR labs providing end-to-end testing of subsets of FORCENet systems.*

